IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Continuation Application of
pending prior Application
BERNA, Philippe
Serial No. 07/938,211
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For: PROCESS FOR MAKING A VERSATILE CLAMPING DEVICE DESIGNED TO HOLD OBJECTS WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH A DEVICE AND ITS USE

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Petition for extension of time and late fee for submitting the Appeal Brief by four months after the filing of a Notice of Appeal on June 14, 1994 for the pending prior application, are attached. In this continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.62, before any action, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 1-3, 5-6 and 8-10 in amended form and insert new claims 11-14:

--1. (twice amended) The method of making a multipurpose device for holding objects by clamping without damaging them comprising the steps of:

a) providing a cylindrical support part, such as a rod or a tube, with a section circular or not,

b) placing on said support part at least two movable and removable arms which can slide along said support part and be turned around it into at least one direction and which can be easily slipped [outwards thereof] off said support part and onto it [inwards] again,

c) fitting out at least one of the movable arms at a single distance from said support part with one buffer having a contact face which is essentially at a right angle to said support part and under which the thickness [layer] is elastic enough to act as a compression spring.

--2. (twice amended) A multipurpose device for holding objects by clamping without damaging them, comprising:

- a cylindrical support part, such as a rod or a tube, with a section circular or not,
- at least two movable and removable arms which can slide along said support part and be turned around it into at least one direction and which can be easily slipped [outwards thereof] off said support part and onto it [inwards] again,
- at least one buffer secured to one of the arms at a single distance from said